

Worcester Aug 30 1859

Friend May

As my term of service as Agent of the Am. A. S. Society is now complete, I have made the enclosed memo<sup>r</sup> of account which if correct, the balance may be sent me by check, as usual.

I have received your notice of the unprecious<sup>te</sup> action of the Committee, in cutting off my head without assigning any incapacity, in officing, or misconduct as an Agent, — Closing my Agency without assigning or intimating any misconduct as an Agent.

I shall have a word to say to the Committee, before long, upon this — as well as

In a reply to this, dated Aug 31/59, I considered the following points -

1. His charge of "unprecedented" course. I denied this, as contrary to fact; - agents sometimes dismissed much more abruptly.
2. His charge of summary dismissal. - Note to - really had 3 months' notice; as he w<sup>d</sup> recollect.
3. That Agents can be dismissed only for "incapacity, inefficiency, or misdemeanor"; - I spoke of "want of funds" as a reason often occurring. I referred to the reasons which operated in D. Foster's case; in S.S. Foster's case; - I then in his case 1. (Standard letter,) and 2. (Misrepresentation of Garrison)
4. His distinction of "as an agent" & "not as an agent". Referred to our endeavor to get from him an explanation of what he had done, while acting as our Agent, and in reply to last paragraph, I said: - "I think this request respond to an "extraordinary" one. I must say, and one which we are not bound to

I am quite sure I mentioned to you that, in a very full meeting, the vote was unanimous. I have no doubt that every Member of the Com<sup>tee</sup>, however, would say, - Give the list of those present. I therefore do so, from memory, - W. L. Garrison, F. Jackson, E. L. Follen, W. Phillips, C. L. Whipple, T. S. May Jr - E. Quincy, M. W. Chapman. The other questions I cannot recognize your right to put but not asking.) The other questions I cannot recognize your right to put to us; but I think the Com<sup>tee</sup> are alike, as to responsibility for the vote."

upon the Star claim by method  
by which they have so sum-  
marily sentenced and exectd  
me without hearing or trial;  
but whether of Appeal, remon-  
strance or protest. I can hardly  
decide now.

Meanwhile I would like to  
know, What members of  
the Committee were present  
and voted for this extraor-  
dinary motion, as well as  
who suggested or moved  
it and who seem dissid-

ious truly

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